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## BRITISH COAST TOWNS SHELLED BY SUBMARINE

Parton, Harrington and White Haven, in Cumberland, on Irish Sea, Bombed by German U Craft.

### NO PERSONS REPORTED SLAIN

Some Fires Caused, Announces Statement Issued by Admiralty.

### MATERIAL DAMAGE IS SMALL

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Parton, Harrington and White Haven, in Cumberland, England, on the Irish sea, were bombed today by a German submarine, a British official statement tonight announced. Some fires were caused, but the damage was slight and there were no casualties, the statement adds.

### Official Statement.

The text of the statement follows: "A German submarine fired several shells at Parton, Harrington and White Haven, in Cumberland county, between 4:20 a. m. and 6:20 a. m. today, but no material damage was caused.

"A few shells hit the railway embankment north of Parton, but train service was only slightly delayed.

"Fires were caused at White Haven and at Harrington, which were soon extinguished.

"No casualties were reported."

### Description of Places.

White Haven, which lies near the entrance of Solway Firth, has a population of about 20,000. The town has numerous factories for the manufacture of cordage, sail cloth and other commodities, together with the iron and brass foundries and shipyards. Harrington is a small town five miles north of White Haven, its population being about 4,000. Parton is another small seaport town a mile and a half from White Haven.

## Exports of Forest Products Fall Off Because of War

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 16.—War's effect in curtailing American exports of forest products is a feature of the report of the lumber exports for the fiscal year ended June 30, as published in the current issue of the Lumber Trade Journal of New Orleans. It shows that the last year's exports of all items under the head of wood and manufacturers decreased 23 per cent, the value being \$20,327,653, compared with \$26,179,540 the previous year.

Every item shows a decrease except box shooks, which increased 3 per cent, and hogheads and barrels, which gained 22 per cent, or \$200,298 in value. Exports of lumber proper were 47 per cent of the year before, or 1,129,205,000 feet, compared to 2,405,298,000 feet.

The United Kingdom made the nearest approach to maintaining its volume of receipts of lumber from this country, taking 200,098,000 feet, compared to 322,327,000 feet the preceding year, a 23 per cent decrease. The greatest decrease in volume was to Canada, which in 1913-1914 was this country's largest customer in lumber, taking 434,200,000 feet. The last year Canada's takings fell to 182,734,000 feet.

## Greek Government Said to Have Quit

ATHENS, Greece (Via London), Aug. 16.—The Greek chamber of deputies assembled today. M. Zavitianos, an adherent of former Premier Venizelos, was elected president.

Zavitianos received 152 votes as compared with ninety-three for the candidate of the government.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—A dispatch to the Havas News Agency from Athens says that following the election of M. Zavitianos as president of the Greek chamber of deputies, the Gouneris government resigned.

## The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	72
6 a. m.	73
7 a. m.	74
8 a. m.	75
9 a. m.	76
10 a. m.	77
11 a. m.	78
12 m.	79
1 p. m.	80
2 p. m.	81
3 p. m.	82
4 p. m.	83
5 p. m.	84
6 p. m.	85

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:

	1915	1914	1913	1912
Highest yesterday	85	87	90	86
Lowest yesterday	72	73	75	74
Mean temperature	75	76	78	74
Precipitation	.23	.01	1.17	.11

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyenne, Wyo.	85	88	0
Denver, Colo.	76	80	0
Omaha, Neb.	75	82	0
St. Louis, Mo.	78	84	0
Chicago, Ill.	78	84	0
St. Paul, Minn.	78	84	0
Valentine, Neb.	84	88	0

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## ASK RECEIVER FOR MISSOURI PACIFIC

Attorneys for St. Louis Steel Firm File Petition in Federal Court.

## CREDITOR OF THE RAILROAD

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—A petition for a receiver for the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain railway system was filed in the federal district court here late today.

The suit was filed by the firm of Boyle & Pries, attorneys for the Commonwealth Steel company of St. Louis, which claimed to be creditor of the railroad to the extent of \$55,000 for rolling stock and other railway supplies.



## CARRANZA WILL NOT DELAY NOTE

Chief of State Guarantees Safe Conduct to Men Carrying Pan-American Appeal.

## VILLA FORCE NEAR MONTEREY

BULLETIN.  
EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 16.—The Carranza consulate here today announced the receipt of a copy of the reply of General P. E. Calles, Carranza commander in Sonora, to the Pan-American appeal for a peace conference of Mexican leaders. In effect it refers the State department and the Latin-American diplomats to Carranza.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Assurances that General Carranza will not obstruct delivery of the Pan-American appeal to Mexico reached the State department today in a message from C. B. Parker of the American embassy staff in Mexico City, saying General Pablo Gonzalez, Carranza's commander there, had "promised safe conduct to the messengers who are to carry the appeal to General Zapata and others."

Destitution Among Americans.  
Parker also reported destitution among Americans in the capital and said many are being aided by American embassy attaches and had asked to be sent to the United States.

Advices from Monterey said Villa forces under Rosendo Hernandez and Raoul Madero had advanced within nine leagues of the city.

No reply to the American note had been received today.  
General Carranza's agency here today made public telegrams from several generals pledging their support to General Carranza. The agency announced the telegrams were written at a time when the generals feared "a threat of armed intervention by the United States in the internal affairs of Mexico and of participation in the Villa garrison at Durango has revolted and that the city has been taken by Carranza forces."

## Morgan Appears at Banking House

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—J. P. Morgan appeared at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. in Wall street today for the first time since he was shot at his summer home at Glencove, L. I., on July 3 by Erich Muentzer, alias Frank Holt.

## Two United States Marines Drowned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Two American marines were washed overboard from the battleship New Hampshire and drowned yesterday, while the ship was sailing through the Gulf hurricane some 200 miles south of the Florida coast. No damage to the New Hampshire or Louisiana, which are proceeding to southern waters, was reported.

The marines were James Franklin Robinson and Bardie Wayne Ray. Robinson's mother, Mrs. W. A. Robinson, lives in Urbichville, O. Ray's residence is given as Mississippi. The bodies were not recovered.

## DOG LIFE SAVER FOR SOLDIERS

One of the German sanitary corps dogs, trained to locate wounded men and bring relief to them



## FOREIGN EXCHANGE TAKES SHARP SLUMP

British Pound Sterling is Worth Only Four Dollars Sixty-Four Cents in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The value of the English pound sterling went steadily and rapidly downward today until it touched \$4.64 in American money, the lowest value ever placed upon it since New York became a financial center. Utter demoralization of the foreign exchange markets resulted.

Francs followed suit, following to \$6.00, or the equivalent of 16.2-3 cents. Normally pounds sterling are quoted at \$4.87 and francs at approximately 20 cents.

Last Saturday the English pound established a record in the New York money market, by falling to \$4.68. Today it opened 2c under Saturday's lowest price, a situation without parallel of American finance, and within an hour lost another penny, and by 1 o'clock sold down to \$4.64.

The sharp fall in exchange rates was ascribed to the demand of American manufacturers for pay for the goods sold them abroad.

With the value of the English pound debased as never before, the American dollar today was the standard of world financial markets. In financial circles the rapid lowering of foreign exchange rates was regarded as presaging difficulties ahead.

The reappearance of J. P. Morgan in the field for the first time since an attempt was made to assassinate him July 3 gave color to the belief that negotiations to the present abnormal situation might soon be consummated.

In the face of this belief there was a rally in the market for sterling about 1 p. m. to within 1/2 cent of the opening. France likewise steadied. Other continental sales rose in sympathy.

## Several in Race for Judgeship

Bryan Said to Have Given His Support to W. H. Thompson of Grand Island.

## SMYTH OTHERWISE IN LEAD

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The death of W. H. Munger is universally regretted among Nebraskans in Washington of all shades of political opinions. His was regarded as one of the finest minds on the bench of the west.

While a number of candidates have been announced for the Munger succession, predicated on the judge's voluntary retirement, it will not be at all surprising to witness still others in the field.

So far as now known the candidates are: C. J. Smyth of Omaha, special attorney connected with the Department of Justice; J. W. Woodrough of Omaha, a well-known lawyer of that city, president of the Wilson club of Nebraska, who endeavored to have his name pronounced as if spelled "Woodrow," but has given up the effort being too much; S. B. Rush, former assistant district attorney of Nebraska, now connected with the Department of Justice in the preparation of causes growing out of special claims in the south; Robert W. Patrick of Omaha, son of the late J. N. H. Patrick, a practicing attorney of the Gate City, and W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, who relies on the help of ex-Secretary Bryan to land him in the position.

C. J. Smyth, who has been a most consistent follower of Mr. Bryan, broached the subject of the Munger succession to "the comanager" one day before the latter quit the cabinet and was told that Mr. Bryan had given "Billy" Thompson to understand he would be for him in the event of a vacancy on the district bench. Among those who guess what this administration will do it would appear as if the fight was between Smyth, Rush and Woodrough.

Lutheran Synod Meets at Deshler  
DESHLER, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The Nebraska-Wyoming district of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states holds its annual session here August 15-26. Over 400 pastors, teachers, educators and lay delegates will attend.

## GALVESTON WALL STANDS FIRM AS HURRICANE RAGES

Wind Blows Out of Gulf at High as Seventy Miles an Hour and Water Floods the Streets.

### NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED

Barometer Registers to 29.0 and is Still Falling, Says Telephone Dispatch.

### TELEGRAPH WIRES ARE DOWN

BULLETIN.  
GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 16.—(By Telephone to Houston)—At 8 o'clock the barometer registered to 29.0 and was still falling. The wind is blowing sixty-five miles an hour. There is about three feet of water in the streets near the bay. No great damage to property has occurred and no loss of life has been reported.

### GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 16.—

The tropical storm which struck Galveston today, while very severe, had caused no serious damage and no loss of life at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The Galveston sea wall, built as a precaution against such hurricanes, has withstood the fury of the storm and showed no signs of weakening.

The storm struck the city late in the forenoon at a velocity of thirty-four miles an hour. At noon it had increased to sixty miles an hour and during the late afternoon fluctuated to sixty miles an hour, blowing in a northeasterly direction. The city power plant shut off its current as a precautionary measure.

### May Be Cut Off.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 16.—At 5:30 p. m. the following private telegram was received here from Galveston: "We may be cut off from wire communication at any time, but we shall be in no danger as long as wind in northeast. You can discount any sensational reports."

### Awakened by Preaching.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 16.—"A thousand people spent Sunday night in the lobby of the Santa Fe station at Galveston," said Fuller-Williamson, special agent at Waco, Tex., of the International and Great Northern railway, on his arrival here today. "At 1 o'clock I was awakened by a man's fervid preaching; the station was literally packed with anxious people."

### Trapped at Sabine.

BEAUMONT, Tex., Aug. 16.—Two women and three men are trapped at Sabine, the water having risen over the railroad between Sabine and Port Arthur. When all of the other residents of Sabine deserted the town early when storm conditions became grave, the women would not leave. Port Bolivar, Caplen and Rollover, coast resorts, are reported to be under water.

### Houses Blown Down.

VICTORIA, Tex., Aug. 16.—The gulf storm which has been raging several hours has blown down several small houses on the beach front at Nureyri and Thomaston, coast points near here. No lives have been lost and no danger is felt on this score. A special train has been sent to Port O'Connor to bring out residents if high water threatens there.

### Wires Go Down.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 16.—Wires to Galveston went down at 5:30 o'clock tonight. The storm threatened also to cut off wire communication with Beaumont and several other Texas coast towns.

## Former Wyoming Officer Dies of a Stroke of Paralysis

SUNDANCE, Wyo., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Stricken by paralysis when he encountered a rattlesnake while working in a field near his home, L. H. Davis, 77, twice speaker of the Wyoming house and for nine years receiver of the land office here, was unable to rally from the shock of his experience and died at his home, after lingering for several days. For several hours he lay helpless in the broiling sun after his encounter with the snake.

Davis was a Wyoming pioneer, having come to the territory prior to the Black Hills gold excitement in 1877. He was born at Fitchburg, Mass., in October, 1837; served two years in the union army during the civil war, and from 1862 to 1873 was a Methodist minister. After the Black Hills excitement he moved to this country, in 1868, and resided here thereafter. He was receiver of the Sundance land office for some years and a member of the Wyoming house in 1887, 1889 and 1891, serving as speaker in 1887 and 1891. He was one of the best known Republicans of the state and stood high in Masonry.

## Armagh Man Who Defied Posse Shoots Self Through Head

DUBLIN, Ireland, Aug. 16.—David Johnston was found dead this morning beneath a window of his house in Lurgan, County Armagh, in which for two days he had withstood a siege of the constabulary. A bullet wound below his eye and an empty revolver clutched in his hand indicated he had used his last cartridge to cheat the police of his quarry.

Johnston, who is believed to have been mentally irascible, precipitated the trouble on Saturday by firing at registry enumerators, who went to his house to deliver the official forms in connection with the national registration now under way.

OTHER SUCCESSES are reported for the Germans between Narvay and the Bug.

## YUAN DISCUSSES MAKING HIMSELF CHINESE EMPEROR

President of Republic Planning with American Adviser and Others to Restore the Monarchy.

### ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALL MADE

News Just Leaks Out and is Being Telegraphed Throughout the Country.

### CREATES A GREAT SENSATION

PEKIN, Aug. 16.—The project of proclaiming himself emperor is being discussed by Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, with his immediate supporters and Prof. Frank Johnson Goodnow of Johns Hopkins university, legal adviser to the government, who is spending the summer in Peking.

Prof. Goodnow, who secured the confidence of Yuan Shi Kai by advice given during former critical times, has been consulted on this question since his arrival here, a month ago, and it is learned that he approves the project.

### How It Leaked Out.

The news became public by the deliberate publication in this morning's news of an article for the information of business men, discussing whether a monarchy is not the better form of government for China. The published article quotes Professor Goodnow as declaring that for China a monarchy is a better form of government than a republic and that "conditions are different in China and America, and it is impossible to transplant a system from one country to another."

It was learned from one of Yuan Shi Kai's immediate supporters that if the project proves feasible the plan is to establish the monarchy within two years.

The news has created a sensation in Peking and is being telegraphed throughout the country.

## Battleships Will Continue Their Trip to Vera Cruz

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary Daniels has ordered the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana, now in the Gulf of Mexico, to proceed to Vera Cruz. This course has generally been expected, but not until today was it acknowledged at the Navy department.

## Ex-President Taft Criticizes Walsh

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 16.—Former President Taft, in an address here today before the Business Men's league, criticized the chairman of the Industrial Relations commission for his statement that he did not have judicial power.

"What is meant by judicial power?" said Mr. Taft. "Merely that an investigator is trying to find the truth. The statement of the chairman of the Industrial commission that he did not approach the subject under investigation with judicial power is equivalent to saying that he was not seeking the truth. The result is that no one will pay any attention to the report of the commission, and its conclusions will play no part with judicially minded men."

Mr. Taft outlined briefly the reform legislation of the last few years to correct the evils of monopoly, but said the country now is "in the aftermath of the crusade against plutocracy."

## Teamsters' Strike in St. Louis Over

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—The strike of the 1,500 teamsters and chauffeurs, which started Friday night, was settled last night. The strikers were granted an increase of 10 cents weekly, a reduction of one hour in the day's work and better working conditions. The wage increase, according to the team owners, will aggregate \$60,000 a year, whereas the original demands of the men called for increases totalling \$100,000. The strikers will return to work tomorrow.

The settlement was brought about by Priest Timothy Dempsey, a Catholic priest, who induced leaders of both sides to agree to a joint meeting.

## FORMER TABOR BOY KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN WYOMING

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Roger Butler, 19, was instantly killed; Edwin Ridley, 12, badly burned and four others severely shocked Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when lightning struck a little country school house ten miles northeast of Cheyenne. The bolt struck the school house, which is known as the Ridley school, during a severe hailstorm. The Sutter family recently came to Wyoming from Tabor, Ia.

Aviator Drowns.  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Lawrence L. Lyon, 24 years old, of Ithaca, an aviator, was drowned at Canastota lake today when the aeroblane turned over and fell into the water.

## RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS WEST OF DVINA RIVER

Troops of Both Sides Are Showing Effect of the Intensity of the Great Struggle Around Warsaw.

### BALKAN CRISIS NEAR CLIMAX

National Assemblies of Greece and Serbia Meet to Consider Demands of Bulgaria.

### TEUTONS PREPARING TO ACT

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Military operations in the eastern field are developing slowly. Both sides show the effects of the intensity of the Warsaw struggle. The German advance now centers on the efforts of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to force troops across the Dvina and eastward in the general direction of Petrograd and the near approach of the army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria to the new Brest-Litovsk defense. Notwithstanding the steady pressure of the Germans, the Russians have succeeded thus far in holding them west of the Dvina.

The Balkan crisis is drawing to a climax. The national assemblies of Serbia and Greece meet today with the probability of a definite decision as regards Bulgaria's territorial demands, upon which hinge the question of united action of the Balkan states with the Allies.

In the best posted quarters here the outlook is regarded with a degree of pessimism. It is expected Serbia will seek a compromise and Greece will reject the Bulgarian contentions. Reports from Athens indicate that King Constantine is visiting the new cabinet must maintain strict neutrality, the effect of which would be to withhold Greece from participating in a plan of united Balkan cooperation with the allies.

Teutons Ready to Act.  
In the meantime there are many evidences of Austro-German preparations to deal with the Balkan situation. According to information from Bucharest, German army corps have been concentrated near the junction of Hungary, Roumania and Serbia. This, with the bombardment of Belgrade and the activity of Austrian artillery at many points along the Danube, lends support to reports of a great Austro-German offensive in the Balkans.

The outcome of the crisis is awaited most anxiously, as determining whether the allies will receive new support from the Balkans, and whether Germany's supplies of ammunition for Turkey will continue to be shut off by the Balkan barrier.

Bulgarian officials do not expect an agreement will be reached, but the Bulgarian minister at London, M. Boshkovitch, told the Associated Press he believed a middle ground would be found on which it will be possible to unite the Balkan states.

Russian Officers Optimistic.  
PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—(Via London.)—The military situation is viewed by Russian army officers with a degree of optimism, owing to the manner in which the Germans have been checked at the crossings of the Lwiv and Kraa rivers, east of the Siedlo-Lukow front, where the invaders lost 800 prisoners, in addition to a heavy toll of dead and wounded. Confidence is felt here that the Russians will be able to make and further eastward progress of the invaders very costly to them.

Fierce battles are looked for in the district between the Nieren and Narvay rivers and at the crossings of the Bug. The immediate German objective is believed to be the double track railroad which roughly parallels the present fighting line, running from Osawotz to the Balkans.

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